

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Kelly Lyon	Team: Squad #10	CCRB Case #: 201909520	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Wednesday, 08/07/2019 9:00 AM	Location of Incident: Transit Borough District 20 stationhouse	Precinct: 103	18 Mo. SOL 2/7/2021	EO SOL 9/24/2021	
Date/Time CV Reported Wed, 08/07/2019 9:46 AM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: On-line website	Date/Time Received at CCRB Wed, 08/07/2019 9:46 AM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. SGT Spiridon Katehis	00259	915983	TB DT20

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.SGT Spiridon Katehis	Abuse: Sergeant Spiridon Katehis did not process § 87(2)(b) s complaint regarding officers.	

Case Summary

On August 7, 2019, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint online with the CCRB, § 87(2)(g)

On August 7, 2019, at approximately 9:00 a.m. § 87(2)(b) went to the Transit Bureau District 20 stationhouse located at the Briarwood subway station in Queens to file a complaint against officers for an incident that occurred earlier that day. § 87(2)(b) approached the desk sergeant, Sergeant Spiridon Katehis of Transit Bureau District 20. § 87(2)(b) described the incident at the Jamaica Center subway station and asked to file a complaint against the officers involved. Sgt. Katehis told § 87(2)(b) to contact the CCRB and provided the CCRB's contact information. Sgt. Katehis allegedly did not offer to process § 87(2)(b)'s complaint regarding the officers (**Allegation A: Abuse of Authority – Refusal to process civilian complaint**, § 87(2)(g)). This incident resulted in no summonses or arrests.

The investigation did not obtain video footage of this incident.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: Sergeant Spiridon Katehis did not process § 87(2)(b)'s complaint regarding officers.

It was undisputed that § 87(2)(b) went to the Transit Bureau District 20 stationhouse and spoke to Sgt. Katehis at the desk. § 87(2)(b) told Sgt. Katehis about an interaction he had with officers at a subway station. Sgt. Katehis showed § 87(2)(b) the CCRB poster and § 87(2)(b) took a photo of the poster. § 87(2)(g)

§ 87(2)(b) consistently stated (**BR 01, BR 02, and BR 03**) that he went to the Transit Bureau District 20 stationhouse to file a complaint about an incident that occurred inside of the Jamaica Center subway station earlier that morning. § 87(2)(b) added in his phone statement and his in-person statement that he told the desk sergeant, Sgt. Katehis, that he wanted to file a complaint against an officer. Sgt. Katehis told § 87(2)(b) that he needed to file his complaint with the CCRB and showed § 87(2)(b) the poster with the CCRB's contact information. Sgt. Katehis did not offer to take § 87(2)(b)'s complaint. § 87(2)(b) did not observe or interact with any other officers at the desk.

Sgt. Katehis stated (**BR 04**) that he was working as the desk sergeant when § 87(2)(b) approached him. § 87(2)(b) stated that he had an interaction with officers earlier that morning and had been asked to leave a subway station after not paying his fare. § 87(2)(b) inquired whether it was legal for officers to remove someone from a subway station. Sgt. Katehis explained to § 87(2)(b) that officers are permitted to ask someone to leave or issue a summons if the individual did not pay their fare. Sgt. Katehis added that if § 87(2)(b) was upset about the incident, he could file a complaint at the stationhouse against the officers who asked him to leave. Sgt. Katehis told § 87(2)(b) that he also had the option to file a complaint with the CCRB and showed him the poster with the CCRB's contact information. § 87(2)(b) took a photo of the poster and did not ask any further questions about how to file a complaint. Sgt. Katehis told § 87(2)(b) "If you change your mind, you can come back," and § 87(2)(b) left the stationhouse.

§ 87(2)(b)

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- § 87(2)(b) has been a party to one additional CCRB complaint and named a victim in 20 allegations (**BR 05**).

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- Sgt. Katehis has been a member of service for 24 years and a subject in six previous CCRB complaints and 10 allegations, none which were substantiated. § 87(2)(b)

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- § 87(2)(g)
- On December 23, 2019, a Notice of Claim inquiry was sent to the Comptroller's Office, the results of which will be added to the case file upon receipt (**BR 06**).
- [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

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